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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Nebraska had its second consecutive week of wintry weather. Snow fell again in the north and west, and cold rains fell in the southeast. Temperatures were low all week and averaged about 14 degrees below normal in the west. Freezing temperatures have occurred now in all sections of the State.

Snow that had ranged up to a foot deep early in the week was mostly melted by the end of the week leaving fields wet.

CROPS Harvest of crops was quite limited during the week as rain and snow caused muddy fields restricting the use of equipment.

At the present time about 15 percent of the corn has been harvested which is near normal. The heavy, wet snow so far has caused only a limited amount of damage to the crop, and most stalks are holding up well. Harvest will get under way as soon as fields dry.

Sorghum harvest is lagging with only 18 percent of the crop combined compared with about 40 percent normal. In some areas where heavy, wet snow occurred accompanied by high winds, the crop has been lodging. Losses are not expected to be serious as the grain can be retrieved by pickup equipment. Moisture content of the grain remains at a high level. The sharp freeze that occurred will dry the leaves and improve the conditions for harvest.

Only a small acreage of soybeans was harvested and at present about 65 percent of the crop is in the bins. Here again, harvest will resume as soon as fields dry.

A very serious delay in the harvest of sugar beets and potatoes is causing concern to growers. Factories are operating on a limited tonnage of beets and drying weather is needed so that harvest can be resumed. There is some question as to the damage that may have occurred to the potatoes that are in the ground.

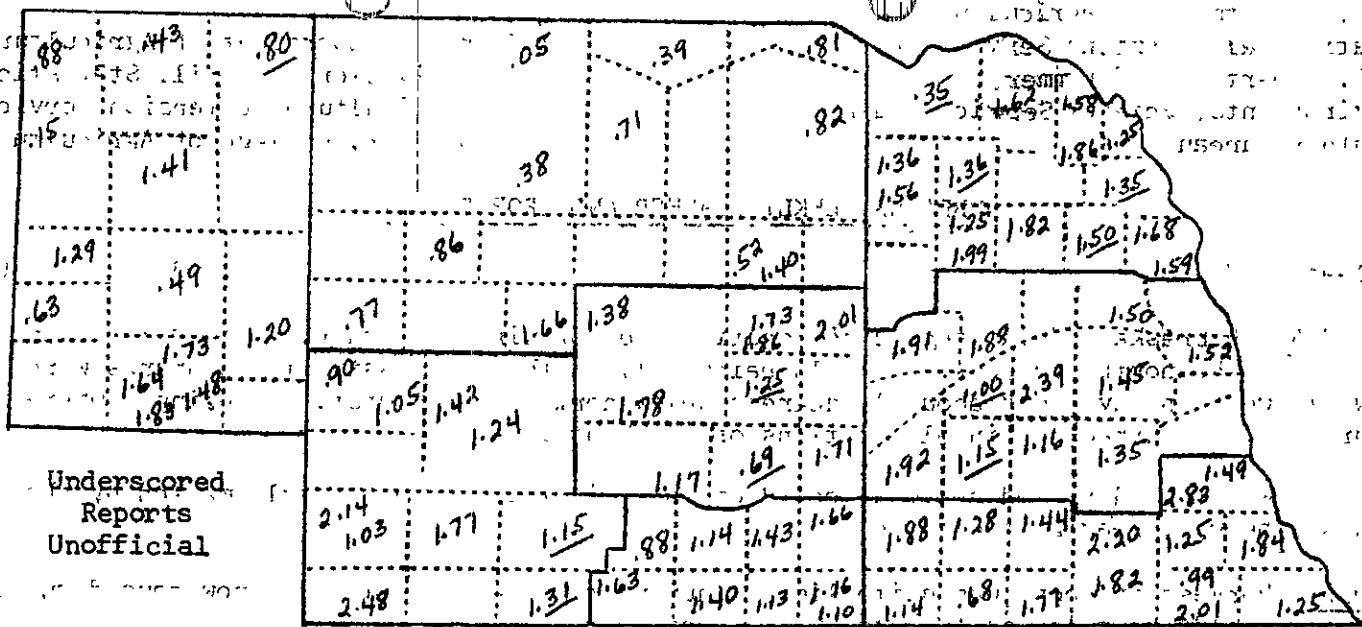
Precipitation over the State has been beneficial to fall seeded grains and legumes. In areas where poor germination was evident because of dry top soil, stands should improve provided warm weather occurs and seeds germinate. Pastures and range feed also benefited from the moisture, and livestock are now being turned into harvested stalk fields to obtain forage.

LIVESTOCK Condition of livestock continues good although cold, wet snow caused some discomfort to the cattle in the range area. Placements of cattle into feed lots are increasing seasonally. Feed lots in the eastern part of the State are quite muddy. There was limited hay feeding in areas that had heavy snowfall.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 19, 1969

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	1.67	Burwell	.39	Chadron	.17
Lincoln	.96	North Platte	1.01	Imperial	.53
Norfolk	1.05	Valentine	.15	Scottsbluff	.21
Omaha	1.06			Sidney	.07
Sioux City	.96				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 17, 1969



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HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Day-time highs, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Night-time lows, 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., CST)

		October		13th		14th		15th		16th		17th		18th		19th	
				Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	34	14	37	28	40	23	43	26	36	33	39	34	57	32		
	Scottsbluff	33	10	35	28	39	22	37	29	40	33	39	32	56	30		
	Sidney	35	6	36	25	39	13	36	22	39	31	37	33	55	31		
NC	Burwell	36	29	41	34	39	20	41	19	48	39	50	43	62	--		
	Valentine	38	25	43	31	42	21	42	18	43	38	48	41	61	31		
NE	Norfolk	40	23	44	41	41	31	44	24	52	44	50	46	54	39		
	Sioux City	43	28	46	42	43	32	44	24	55	44	53	48	55	36		
CEN	Grand Island	41	24	47	42	42	29	42	25	54	43	48	47	56	39		
EC	Lincoln	42	30	49	44	44	34	47	30	57	48	51	49	67	47		
	Omaha	43	26	49	39	42	32	45	26	54	45	50	48	61	43		
SW	Imperial	33	26	34	30	39	13	39	22	44	34	42	35	58	32		
	North Platte	33	29	35	32	36	11	36	15	39	35	40	40	61	28		

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